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SUBJECT: KOREA IN UN: AUSTRIAN INQUIRY

REF: A STATE 150567; B. SEOUL 3751

1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON MOFA IO DIRECTOR HAN AND UN DIVISION CHIEF LEE JULY 16 TO INQUIRE ABOUT ROKG DISCUSSIONS WITH THIRD-COUNTRY MISSIONS REGARDING PLANS FOR UN. EMBOFFS NOTED SPECULATIVE REPORTS ARISING IN PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AND STRESSED NEED TO COORDINATE OFFICIAL EXPLANATIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION.

2. HAN EXPLAINED THAT ONLY INFORMATION BEING PASSED TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS BY ROKG IS STATEMENT OF GENERAL ROKG POSITION CONTAINED IN AIDE-MEMOIRE (REF B) WHICH HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO ABOUT FIFTY OR SIXTY COUNTRIES. HAN NOTED THAT AIDE-MEMOIRE ALLUDES TO ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BUT DOES NOT MAKE ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. HE STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT MOFA HAS NOT GONE BEYOND THE AIDE-MEMOIRE IN ITS REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT OF ROK POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION.

3. BOTH HAN AND LEE SAID THAT MOFA HAS RECEIVED NO
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INQUIRIES FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS REGARDING ROK UN

STRATEGY. THEY AGREED ON NEED TO COORDINATE ANY
OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND SAID MOFA WILL HOLD INFORMATION
ON UN PLANS "TIGHTLY".

4. HAN ADDED THAT CHIEFS OF ROK EUROPEAN MISSIONS
MEETING RECENTLY IN SEOUL WERE TOLD MERELY THAT
MOFA HAS UN QUESTION UNDER STUDY AND WILL BE INFORMING
THEM OF STRATEGY IN DUE COURSE.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE REPORT CITED BY RUDOFISKY
(REF A) IS SPECULATION BASED ON WELL-KNOWN GENERAL
ROK POSITION AND RECENT PRESS STORIES DATED IN TOKYO
WHICH HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE
ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS.
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